

Maeterlinck is Here.
Some Things He Says.
He Interests Women.
Read His "Life of the Bee."

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Maeterlinck is here. If you don't know him, read one or two of his books; then you will know him. A man is what he thinks. "The Treasure of the Humble" and the "Life of the Bee" are recommended to the average reader. The ninety-nine per cent that consider themselves above the average may try some of his plays, but they won't like them.

You would rather read what Maeterlinck said than what anybody thinks about him.

He believes all souls are great, only a few find expression.

"To every man there come noble thoughts that pass across his heart like great white birds."

Every man is a Shakespeare in his dreams, and in the spirit there are mysteries "a thousandfold more transcendental than those circumscribed by speech."

Read his essay on "Silence." He quotes Carlyle. "Speech is of Time; Silence is of Eternity."

Thought will not work except in silence, neither will virtue work except in secrecy.

Not William the Silent only, but all the considerable men I have known, forbore to babble of what they were creating and projecting. "Nay, in thy own mean perplexities, do thou thyself but hold thy tongue for one day; on the morrow how much clearer are thy purposes and duties; what wreck and rubbish have these mute workmen within thee swept away, when intrusive noises were shut out."

A woman who interested him wrote to Maeterlinck (quite a few women have interested him). "We do not know each other yet. We have not yet dared to be silent together."

Only the body commits sins, not the soul, he thinks. Separated from its body "the soul even of the prostitute would pass unsuspectingly through the crowd, with the transparent smile of the child in her eyes." In Maeterlinck's opinion, the soul, sitting off by itself, would not worry about the sins of the body, but would ask, "Has she, the soul, inflicted suffering or been the cause of tears?"

It's a good doctrine for the free and easy, but the Bible doesn't agree with Maeterlinck there, or with Plato.

Maeterlinck's chapter on "Women" will interest women and men. He has a theory that the love of the body is the very center of the soul, which the star of the destined love, and "in that hour, illumined by its rays, every passion that stirs us will come to life, even to the end." Listen to this:

"And if, like the Jews, we take a thousand and three hundred years, still shall we find, on that evening which shall find us, that the same woman, good or evil, tender or cruel, loving or faithless, that is standing before us."

That's the kind of thing that interests women, although it isn't true, and Maeterlinck probably said something different to the charming new young wife that comes over with him. You may be sure that to her he said, "You are different from everybody else; I was mistaken about that star up there. You are its only inhabitant."

Maeterlinck appreciates women, in his way. "All women have communications with the unknown that are denied to us."

"If you think that you have deceived her, that her impression is wrong, be sure that it is she who is right, and you yourself who are mistaken."

Also and very truly about women: "It is they who preserve here below the pure fragrance of our soul, like some jewel from heaven." "There are still the divine emotions of the first days, and the sources of their being lie deeper than ours, in all that is illimitable."

There are several Maeterlincks, the one that wrote "Pelleas and Melisande" is different from the stronger genius that wrote "The Life of the Bee." Read that if you don't read anything else of Maeterlinck's.

And as you read, remember that it is actual truth, not fancy.

Do not, however, bother with Maeterlinck, brilliant and interesting as he is, unless you have read, already, many other books. He is hors d'oeuvre, not solid food for the mind.

In Bacon's essays, Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero Worship," and any one of several hundred other books there is more for you than in ten thousand of Maeterlinck's, interesting as he is.

His philosophizing, compared with that of the real thinkers, is like the "poetry" of Kipling compared with that of Shelley.

WEATHER:

Snow Surries this afternoon and tonight; Monday fair and colder; low-east temperature tonight about 22 degrees. Temperature at 5 a. m., 29 degrees.

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Police on Trail of Man Whose Death Drink Claimed Seventy Lives

TRY SECOND TIME TO KILL LORD FRENCH

BRITAIN SAPS U. S. OF SUGAR
Charge Exports to United Kingdom Have Jumped Over 200 Per Cent.
ALLEGED VAST HOARDS IN N. Y.
Situation Gigantic Conspiracy to Mulct America, Says N. J. Prosecutor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Here is the reason why your breakfast table is bare of sugar this morning. Here also is the reason why the slender dribbles of sugar you are able to obtain cost you as much as 25 cents a pound.

Exports of sugar from the United States increased more than ten-fold this year over those of the year before the European war.

Experts Jump 200 Per Cent.

Reports of sugar from the United States to the United Kingdom have increased in this period more than two hundred fold.

Exports to Canada increased approximately one hundred and fifty fold.

Sugar producers got whatever price they demanded on most of the enormous amounts shipped abroad. It was the price of the market, and the producers and the powerful trust behind them, the American Sugar Refining Co., have stopped this exportation by legislation.

These facts obtained from statements recently compiled by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Sweeping away many of the alleged unmailed excuses of the American Sugar Refining Co. and other "sugar" trusts, the small amount of the commodity they are able to purchase.

Blamed Home Consumption.

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DEAD GIRL HAD LOVE TRAGEDY
Domestic Whose Mangled Body Was Found on Track Told Employer of Betrayal.
MYSTERIOUS CAR REPORTED
Stranger Who Inquired for Young Woman After Her Death Also Sought.

SYKESVILLE, Md., Dec. 28.—Determined to find some positive clue as to the cause of the death of Myrtle Staub, nineteen years old, whose body, with head and arms severed, was found Wednesday morning lying along the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks here, State Attorney Seabrook and his assistants are at work on the case again today.

The coroner's jury which met Friday night and heard conflicting testimony showing that the woman may have stood deliberately in front of a moving train to end her life, may have become confused while crossing the tracks or that she may have been slain and placed on the tracks, left the mystery still unsolved.

Had Love Affair.

Speaking for his wife, who was unable to be present at the inquest owing to illness, James Hughes, at whose home the girl was employed for less than two months as a domestic, told of her being melancholy at times. He said she would cry aloud for hours.

She told his wife, he said, that she had been wronged by a man, who had promised to marry her last September, but that he failed to show up at the train when she went to meet him then and she had not heard from him since.

Stranger Asked for Her.

He said also that a married man had written to the girl shortly before Christmas and was expected to come to Sykesville to take her back to her home at Thurmont. On the morning the body was found Hughes said that a stranger came to his home and inquired if such a person as Miss Staub lived there. When informed that she was dead he did not appear to be much concerned and left without making any other remarks. He was told, however, to see the dead woman's brother, who is employed on an adjoining farm. He did not make his appearance there and is now being sought.

Describes Finding Body.

Charles Thomas, a track worker who discovered the body, told of the peculiar position in which it was lying between the tracks, with the head and arm dismembered.

Two other witnesses told of having seen automobiles, one with lights out, late Wednesday night, standing near where the girl's body was found. One of these was accounted for as belonging to a friend of the dead girl who had taken a party of friends to Westminster to do some Christmas shopping and after returning to Sykesville, accompanied his friends home. They reside near the scene of the accident. The second automobile which was noticed at this lonely spot, has not been accounted for.

Not far from the scene of the death of Miss Staub a farmer of Sykesville hung himself with a plow rope from the limb of a sappling recently.

What information is now being gathered about the girl and her death will be laid before the grand jury which will convene in May.

DOZEN MEN ATTACK RESIDENCE; TWO DIE IN ENSUING BATTLE
DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—A second attempt at assassination of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was frustrated by guards at the viceregal, French residence, today.

A party of about a dozen men daringly attacked the lodge and were met by guards.

One of the attackers was killed, and a guard's officer died later from a gunshot wound. Many shots were fired.

Four men were later arrested in Phoenix Park on suspicion of being implicated in the attack.

An attempt was made on the life of Viscount Lord French on December 19, at a spot only a few yards from the lodge, where today's attack was staged. The first attack was made just outside the Ashdown gate of Phoenix Park, Dublin, at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when his motor car was ambushed and two shots passed in front of the viceregal. His military guard in an accompanying automobile returned the fire.

The soldiers then rushed to the plantation whence the shooting came and found one man dead. On his body were a revolver and two bombs. The rest of the desperadoes, supposed to have numbered from five to twenty, got safely away.

Two Oklahoma Babies Held as Billy Dansey, Kidnaped Jersey Boy
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 28.—There are two babies in Tulsa which are claimed today to be "Billy" Dansey, who was kidnaped from his home in Hammonton, N. J., last October. The origin of both is obscure.

Two Babies Figure.

Chief of Police Robert Auten, of Collinsville, Okla., said the boy he had in mind was taken to board by the J. S. Schaeffer family. The Schaeffers say the baby was sent west of here, the boy told him his name was "Billy George Pittsburg," while en route to Tulsa. He is also declared to have answered "Pearl" when questioned as to his mother's name.

Answered Advertisement.

Schaeffer is an automobile salesman. On October 5 he saw an advertisement in a Tulsa newspaper saying a boy could be had to rear. He answered "ad" at once. On October 13 he received a reply from a woman signing "Mrs. Philip Stone," at Bristow, Okla., who went there and procured possession of the boy. He is receiving \$30 a month for caring for the child.

Three days later, however, the Stone woman, under the name of Pearl, was arrested by Tulsa police.

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REVENGE MOTIVE FOR KILLING OIL BROKER
Women in Automobile Previous to Shooting, Los Angeles Police Learn.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Still unable to tell a coherent story of what led up to the shooting of her husband, Albert Norwood, oil stock broker from Kansas City, Friday night, two unknown assassins, Mrs. Norwood remained in the hospital here today, seriously ill. She is suffering from collapse.

Police investigating the case have established these facts:

One of the two assassins wore a sailor's uniform.

Women were in the automobile, which was recovered.

Revenge was the motive.

Mrs. Norwood evidently knew her husband's life was in danger.

Norwood recently rented offices here, but had not yet occupied them. He told business associates he was to go into the "advertising investment business."

ALL SINN FEINERS TO BE PUT BEHIND BARS
Viceroy Plans Arrest of Every Member of Patriotic Organization in Erin.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is no secret in Dublin, wires the Evening Standard's correspondent there, that the authorities are determined to handle the Sinn Fein situation with a certain amount of ruthlessness and apply drastic remedies to what they consider a dangerous disease.

The correspondent says it is stated in quarters which have the reputation of being well informed that the steps contemplated by the viceroy, Lord French, and his advisers for restoring normal conditions include the arrest of every known active Sinn Feiner in the country.

FIRE RUNS AWAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—M. Kruger drove a wagonload of burning excelsior about a mile through the streets with half the fire department in his wake. The blaze was squelched on the run.

BROWN'S GIRL WIDOW FREED
"Dolly," Sweetheart of Victim, Arrested in Ohio As Material Witness.
CROWDS ATTEND FUNERAL
Latest Theory Is That Wealthy Youth Was Shot By Left-Handed Man.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ruth Brown, girl widow of J. Stanley Brown, prodigal heir of a Detroit cigar manufacturer, whose body was found, bullet-riddled, in the Brown automobile Wednesday, is at home, today, free, following the funeral of her husband.

For twenty-four hours she was held in the Macomb county jail as a witness, despite her declarations that he knew nothing of her husband's death. With her was Lloyd Provost, her cousin, also held as a witness and also released.

Friend Held as Witness.

Simultaneous with her release "because of lack of evidence" came the news that "Dollie" Bennett, said to have been a sweetheart of Brown, had been arrested as a witness in Sandusky, Ohio. Authorities said she would be brought here immediately.

This woman's story was the only clue to the young clubman's death police had today, they said. They are confident she will be able to cast some light on the case.

The woman, according to authorities, knew Brown well. She was to have met him in Detroit last Tuesday, they said, but had failed to keep the appointment. Tuesday night he died, and Wednesday "Dollie" arrived here in search of him. She was questioned at the time, but later was released.

That a male friend of the woman from Camp Custer also may be of (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

WIFE CHARGES HUSBY'S NURSE STOLE HIS LOVE
Sues for \$200,000 and Court Orders Sheriff's Jury to Fix Damages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Damages suffered by Mrs. Adele G. Seamans, of Atlanta, Ga., growing out of the alleged enticement of her husband from home by Miss Willie Maude Ballenger, a trained nurse, are to be assessed by a sheriff's jury. This was determined by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum, who signed an order directing that the damages be so assessed.

Mrs. Seamans is demanding \$200,000 damages from Miss Ballenger, alleged that, following the serious illness of her husband, during which he was nursed by Miss Ballenger, the nurse lured him from home, that after several months he returned, expressing contrition. But when Miss Ballenger was awarded \$250,000 in a will contest in Atlanta, he again left home, and the wife discovered her husband and the nurse in a boarding house after following them to New York.

Seamans and Miss Ballenger disappeared after he had been served with a summons from the domestic relations court and the nurse with a summons in the alienation action.

9 BOYS HELD IN JAIL FOR RECEIVING STOLEN BONDS
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Nine men or boys, from seventeen to forty years old, are in jail in New York charged with receiving numbers of bonds stolen from E. D. Levinson & Co., and their number will be increased with the return from Los Angeles of Leo Julofsky, a messenger from the firm, who disappeared September 19, taking with him \$141,000 in Liberty bonds. Fifty-three thousand dollars of the bonds were recovered when he was taken into custody in California yesterday.

In arrests made here the authorities have recovered \$38,000 of the bonds, a large part of them from a brother of Julofsky. Authorities believe when the messenger skipped out he left most of the securities to be disposed of in New York by pals.

DEATH DRINK TOLL 199 IN U. S. SINCE JULY 1
Incomplete reports show the following results of wood alcohol poisoning since July 1:
New York—22 dead; 100 blind.
Chicago, Ill.—35 dead; 140 seriously ill.
Detroit, Mich.—25 dead.
Cleveland—14 dead; 16 ill.
Hartford, Conn.—13 dead; 9 seriously ill.
Newark, N. J.—5 dead.
Holyoke, Mass.—6 dead; 114 seriously ill.
Chicago—6 dead; 6 ill.
Springfield, Mass.—6 dead; 5 seriously ill.
Syracuse, N. Y.—2 dead.
Emporium, Pa.—2 dead.
Birmingham, Ala.—1 dead.
TOTAL—199 dead; 299 seriously ill or blind.

BERGER TO FIGHT FOR HOUSE SEAT
Socialist Says He'll Run for Congress As Often As He Is Denied Office.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Governor Philip, of Wisconsin, will have to call another election if Victor Berger is again denied his seat in Congress, Berger declared today.

"And the people of that district will keep sending me to Congress as often as my seat is declared vacant," Berger stated.

Berger declared Governor Philip is compelled to call another election "after a certain time," and "I'll read the law to him."

Berger said he will again present himself for his seat in Congress, and, if refused again, will demand Governor Philip call another election.

Speaking of industrial conditions, Berger said, "there is a nigger sitting on the safety valve in Washington. I do not know whether that nigger is Burleson, Palmer or Woodrow Wilson. But I do know that unless that nigger is speedily taken off the safety valve, there is going to be an explosion in the United States."

"There are only a few Kaisers left—those in this country and one in Japan," Berger declared. He predicted that the Democratic and Republican parties would form a reactionary party, with the socialists opposing, and that this would increase the socialist vote.

PRESIDENT OBSERVES BIRTHDAY QUIETLY
Mrs. Francis Sayre and Husband Arrive Unexpectedly at the White House.

President Wilson celebrated his sixty-third birthday today quietly.

Mrs. Francis Sayre, one of the President's two married daughters, with her husband, were unexpected arrivals at the White House this morning. The Sayres are expected to remain as guests at the White House for several days.

The President's condition was considered so good today that it is probable he may eat dinner with Mrs. Wilson, his two daughters and his son-in-law tonight. Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's other married daughter, had not arrived in Washington up to this morning.

The President was in receipt today of scores of telegrams and cables of congratulations from friends in this country and abroad. A year ago the President was the guest of King George of England, at Buckingham Palace.

CONVICTED GIRL SLAYER TO BE GIVEN NEW TRIAL
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Maude Moore, confessed slayer of Leroy G. Harth, wealthy business man, who was tried and found guilty of murder in the first degree, with mitigating circumstances, and sentenced to twenty-one years' imprisonment, yesterday was granted a new trial by Judge Nash.

After the judge stated that he thought the verdict unwarranted, but would have approved it if the evidence submitted bears on the past reputation of the murdered man. Miss Moore was remanded to jail.

Notice—There is only one California Club Co. in Washington—located at 1250 G St. No other branch stores—Advt.

FIVE HELD FOR 'RUM' DEATHS
Wood Alcohol Claims 199 Victims In U. S. Since July 1.
NEW ENGLAND HARDEST HIT
Georgia Prosecutor Demands Execution of Poison Sellers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Belief that Adolph Paraneli, alleged to have sold the wood alcohol "whiskey" which has caused the death of about seventy persons and blinded several hundreds, had gone into hiding, was expressed by the police here today after an all night search for the man had proved fruitless.

Long Vigil in Vain.

Detectives covered his two storehouses and his home here off last night, and every entrance to the city was closely watched on the chance that he might attempt to return from New England, where he is said to have fled Connecticut with the "blind death" mixture, just before the Christmas holidays.

According to the authorities, new information implicating the New York liquor dealer with the widespread distribution of the "coroner's concoction" has strengthened their belief in his responsibility for the deaths in many Eastern cities.

Five arrests so far have been reported—three in Chicago and two in Hartford, Conn.

The death list early today had grown to seventy, with cases of blindness not tabulated, but hundreds are dangerously ill in their homes, after having imbibed the wood alcohol for whiskey. It is predicted that before full reports on deaths from the mixture in New England towns have been completed, the death list may exceed one hundred.

Three arrests were made in Chicago yesterday, and it has been announced that Alexander Barker, proprietor of the American House, charged with the death of "blind death" victims, will be held without bail. Charles Perry, the proprietor's brother, and William Barker, both bartenders in the American House, have been released on \$10,000 bail, after pleading not guilty to charges of manslaughter.

Hospitals in Hartford, Springfield, Chicago, Holyoke, and other New England towns reported their wards filled with poison victims, many of whom are in critical condition, and many cases are arriving continually. Every physician in Chicago is working over victims of wood alcohol.

Open Victim's Veins.

Following the example set by Dr. George Gagne in Chicago, who opened the arteries in the wrists of Antonio Marco, a victim, and allowed some of his blood to escape, other physicians are adopting this method.

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THOSE WILD BELLS CAN'T RING OUT PEACE PAEN
PARIS, Dec. 28.—New Year's bells can ring no paen of peace to a war-torn world, it was indicated today.

The Versailles treaty, signed by allies and Germans at Versailles in June, still remains to be enforced.

While statements from peace conferences and German officials alike indicate a trend toward final accommodation, the protocol and the actual effectiveness of the treaty are progressing, there seems little chance the peace pact can be declared in effect before 1920.

German delegation to evade, if possible, the allied demand that she pay for settling of the interned Tientsin fleet, sunk by the crews of German ships, apparently was responsible for the latest of a series of delays.